



## PARISH NEWS – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

8am & 9.30am services

Wednesday services 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am

Parish Prayers Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Nola and Brenton, Malcolm and Mary, Colin, Tony and Margie, Mark, Fiona, Jac, Keith.

### Diary Dates:

- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Coffee Club meet at Drunk'n Coffee, the Avenues Shopping Centre at 10.00am enjoy a social get together and check-out our pay forward board.
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Windows Tour on Saturday afternoon at 2.45pm
- 3 November 2024 All Souls' Patronal Festival  
9.30 am Service. St Theodores' to be invited
- 24 November 2024 Archbishops' visit, "Christ the King"  
8am service and Brass Ensemble in attendance at 9.30am
- December 2024 Advent and Christmas Services to be advised

## **SALT AND LIGHT A FEW THOUGHTS FROM A THEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE: GEOFF CHADWICK<sup>i</sup>**

The Venerable Geoff Chadwick is Archdeacon and Vicar General of Bunbury Diocese, WA. He was David's assistant curate in the Parish of Applecross, Dio Perth, from 1990-91 and David officiated at the marriage of Geoff and his wife Gabby, a Vet, in 1991. David and Geoff keep in touch. The following is an article from their recent diocesan publication:

[Jesus said]<sup>13</sup> *'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.*

*14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Mt 5:13-16, NRSV*

When Jesus says "You are the salt of the earth", and "You are the light of the world" he is, of course, using metaphor. A metaphor is designed to carry a meaning for one thing by using something else as a description. In this instance, Jesus is describing personal character by using *salt* and *light* at the conveyers of meaning.

So what did he mean?

SALT:

Let's begin with salt. In Jesus' day, salt was valued for various reasons.

Firstly, it was a known food preservative. Without salt, food would spoil. (Unless it was dried or smoked). Even today we continue to salt fish and pickle olives in brine.

Secondly it could be used as currency. Salt's food preservation properties made it so valuable that it was sometimes used to pay Roman soldiers their salary (a derivation of the Latin *sal* for salt).

Thirdly, salt was used a flavour enhancer- as we still do today. A pinch being enough to enhance a broth – but not too much lest you spoil it!

Fourthly, salt could be used as a weapon. Invading armies were known to lace their enemies' fresh water supplies with salt, or to ruin their farmland with it.

Fifthly, salt could be used as a road-base to keep the weeds down and hold the soil in place. This may be what Jesus meant when he said that worthless salt is "*trampled underfoot*".

Sixthly, salt obtained from the Dead Sea in Jesus' time contained many impurities. This may account for Jesus' strange comment about salt losing its saltiness. Pure salt can't do this, but a bad, impure mixture would be worthless.

So which of these meanings did Jesus intend? Was he saying his followers should be "preservative" or "flavour enhancers", or "currency", or "weapons" or even "road base"?

The favoured views are "preservative" and "flavour enhancers". This would have made sense to the early church members who first heard Matthew's Gospel. Small in number, and surrounded by opposition, the call to be salt, is a call to perseverance. The passage is saying: *Small, you may well be, but your impact is large.* This call is as relevant today as it was back then. As Christians our faith is both life-preserving and life-enhancing. When this is our character, we are being true to Jesus. Nevertheless, when we are being a destructive weapon, or bitter, or flavourless, we have lost our character. At this point we are as worthless as road base.

Modern science tells us things about salt that the people of Jesus' day would never have dreamed of. There are many types of salts, but they all consist of non-metal and metal ions bound together in a strong crystalline structure. Being strong, these crystals have very high melting points. (Sodium Chloride 801°C.) Nevertheless, many salts (not all) are easily dissolved in water because of the unique polar nature of water molecules. Such solutions are then able to conduct electricity- making them very useful.

Human blood is also saline. The dissolved sodium ions regulate the water content of cells. Illness occurs if their concentration is too high or too low.

Can we push Jesus' metaphor to include these things? Perhaps not. as that would be taking his words out of context. Nevertheless, if salts are essential for life, then our character must be on the side of life. If salts are strong, then we too should be strong. And if salts are dissolvable, then we too must distribute the message of Jesus in and amongst the community! ***to be continued:***

#### Re-dedication of the Sunday School Banner

The banner was brought back from England in 1925 by Canon Murphy and presented to the Parish as a gift from the Sunday School. It was made in England by the Warham Guild.

Lindsay Harris has interests in history and architecture. He came to All Souls' via a windows tour and introduced Sue Crees (who managed this project) to Mary Jose. Whilst not a part of the Parish, their contributions have been of

enormous benefit, we thank them most sincerely, and consider them “Friends of All Souls”. Mary Jose is also connected to the Parish by her ancestor (Great Grandfather) Rev’d George Herbert Jose, rector from 1905 to 1906 – immediately prior to Canon Murphy.

With Lindsay’s financial support the banner has been preserved and mounted by Mary to enabling it to be hung in the church.

The following paragraph is from Lindsay: *“it is clear the Warham Guild was a very important Arts and Crafts inspired Anglican group established in 1912 for producing "Ornaments of the Church". ... The Guild had a huge output encompassing altars, surplices, vestments, embroidered banners, rood screens, all sorts of textiles, metalware, stained glass, furniture, memorial crosses and fitted installations across the Anglican Communion. Their output is considered to be of outstanding design and high -quality workmanship”*.

Thank you to Sue and Owen Crees for hanging the banner in the church.



### All Souls’ Patronal Festival

3<sup>rd</sup> November following the 9.30am service there will be a morning tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share. St Theodore’s are being invited to attend. To assist with numbers, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

### State Heritage Application

All Souls’ has been provisionally entered as a State Heritage Place in the South Australian Heritage Register. A summary of the application is attached with this email FYI.

### Church Garden

Waiting for a second quote from John of Silver Earth. It is planned to have one raised garden bed with paths around, suitable for walkers and wheelchairs. The rest will be lawn incorporating a sprinkler system. For further information please read the second attachment to this email.

Windows Tour Please note that there will be a windows tour at 2.45pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. There won't be any catering but we will need volunteers to welcome and help with the door etc. Please contact Sue Crees 0419 745 456 if you can help in the afternoon.

### Anglicare Christmas Hamper & Toy Drive

In previous years we have generously supported this appeal. We have again been approached to supply hampers for Christmas 2024. Please register on sign-up sheet at the back of the church within the next two weeks, or email Ann Peisley [culpeper@internode.on.net](mailto:culpeper@internode.on.net) if you are willing to help with this worthwhile project.

### News from St Theodore's

On Saturday 19 October, the Royal School of Church Music will be at St Theodores from 10:30am onwards, with a choral concert in the evening. Details to come.

On Saturday 26 October 11am to 3pm in the Church, Angela Hazebroek will be presenting on Hildegard of Bingen, twelfth century Benedictine Abbess, Polymath, Doctor of the Church and 'Feather on the Breath of God', the second of three Hearth Gatherings: Spring Season Reflections. Further details to follow.

Peter Burke recently completed a book *Becoming Anglicare Australia: A History in Overview*, which tells the story of its history, both as an organisation and as a national network.

Read the entire book online at: <https://www.anglicare.asn.au/a...>

**DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> PLEASE  
REMEMBER TO PUT THE CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE  
RETIRING ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

**Locum Tenens: The Ven David Thornton - Wakeford**

Fr. David can be contacted on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays**, he will also be available outside of his usual working hours in the case of emergencies  
Email - [daviddtw76@gmail.com](mailto:daviddtw76@gmail.com) Phone 08 7112 4945.

**Priest's Warden - Pauline Parfitt 0421 382 358**

or

**People's Warden - Emma Robinson 0412 002 123**

can be contacted for information concerning worship or parish activities.

For news items or information regarding Parish News please contact  
**Ann Peisley 0417 810 549**

**2024 Parish Council**

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**Bank account details**

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# Patronal Festival morning tea

**Sunday 3rd November**

Following the 9.30am service

Please bring a small plate to share

Sign up sheet at the back of the church

Many thanks, Emma

